

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 27, 2006 has been received and reviewed. In the Office Action, the Examiner has:

- (1) requested affirmation of elected claims made in connection with a telephonic restriction requirement;
- (2) objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4);
- (3) objected to claims 1-8, 15, and 17 because of misspellings and certain informalities; and
- (4) rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Alexander et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931).

In the present response, claims 1, 8 and 13 have been amended, and non-elected claims 19-21 have been cancelled. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-18 remain pending in the present application. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks and foregoing amendment.

Election

With respect to item (1) and in connection with a telephone conversation between Applicants' counsel and the Examiner on July 6, 2006, Applicant hereby affirms the election of claims 1-18 for prosecution. Claims 19-21 are hereby cancelled from the present application. Applicants, however, reserve the right to pursue prosecution of the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

Drawings

With respect to item (2), Applicant submits herewith Replacement Sheets pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) for Figures 1 and 2. In particular, Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 now includes a clearer indication of item 4 in Figure 1, which item points, in general, to the EPG graphics display page of which screen view 2 is a part. Please note that item 4 in Figures 1 and 2 generally depicts the page of which screen view 2 is a part. Moreover, as noted on page 5 (lines 9-18) of the present application, screen view 2 is part of a larger EPG graphics display page 4.

As for the objection to missing item number for third axis 10 in Fig. 1 or 2, Applicants submit herewith Replacement Sheet for Figure 2, which now has item number 10 for third axis z.

Claim Objections

With respect to item (3), claims 1-8, 15, and 17 have been amended to address the misspellings and certain informalities noted by the Examiner. Specifically, the spelling of “specialised” in claims 1-7 has been changed to “specialized”, the spelling of “programme” in claims 2, 8, and 17 has been changed to “program”, and the extra word “relating” in claim 15 has been removed.

35 U.S.C. § 102

With respect to item (4), the Examiner has found claims 1-18 to be anticipated by Alexander et al.

Independent claim 1, directed to an interactive graphics interface for display on a television screen, has been amended so that the second display portion now recites that *navigation over the second display portion allows previously displayed data fields to be replaced with a display of current data fields from the second display portion along the Z axis*. In other words, as the cursor moves over the second display portion, the data fields represented in the second display portion may be displayed along the Z axis, replacing previously displayed data fields, without the need to first press a “select” button. Support for this can be found from page 5 (line 21) to page 6 (line 2) of the present application.

In contrast, Alexander et al. do not teach such an ability. Rather, in order to navigate along the Z axis, Alexander et al. require that after the cursor moves to the display portion having particular data items to be displayed, and a select key must subsequently be pressed to invoke display of those particular data items along the Z axis. As the Examiner may note, Alexander et al. teach, in col. 4 (lines 57-61), that in order to highlight a different button in the navigation bar 20, arrow key 32 or 34 is pressed. However, *to enter the screen represented by the highlighted button, “select” key 42 is pressed*. In other words, when the Alexander et al. cursor is navigated over the

navigation bar 20, the Z axis data fields associated with the highlighted portion of the navigation bar 20 cannot be displayed unless and until the “select” key 42 is pressed.

Since Alexander et al. cannot display data fields in the Z axis until the “select” key 42 is pressed, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Alexander et al.

Claims 2-7 are dependent from claim 1. As such, claims 2-7 are also not anticipated by Alexander et al.

Independent claims 8 and 13 are directed to a method for displaying an interactive graphics interface on a display screen. Similar to independent claim 1, claim 8 has been amended to now recite *that navigation over the second display view allows previously displayed data to be replaced with a display of current data from the second display view along the third navigational axis*, and claim 13 has been amended to now recite *that navigation over the second display view allows previously displayed data to be replaced with a display of current data from the second display view along the Z axis*. As noted above, as the cursor moves over the second display portion along the third navigational axis (i.e., the Z axis), the data fields represented in the second display portion may be displayed, replacing previously displayed data fields, without the need to first press a “select” button.

In contrast, when the Alexander et al. cursor is navigated over the navigation bar 20, the Z axis data fields associated with the highlighted portion of the navigation bar 20 cannot be displayed unless and until the “select” button is pressed.

Accordingly, independent claims 8 and 13 cannot be anticipated by Alexander et al. Likewise, claims 9-12, dependent from claim 8, and claims 14-18, dependent from claim 13, cannot be anticipated by Alexander et al.

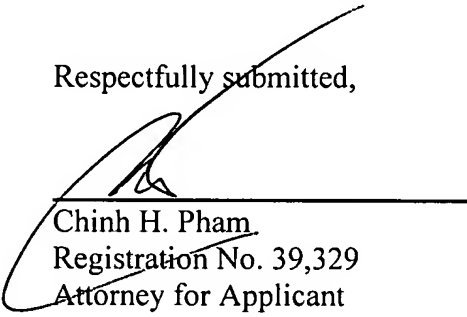
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims clearly and distinctly set forth the subject matter of the present invention, and are not anticipated by Alexander et al.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the pending rejections, and early and favorable reconsideration are respectfully solicited. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecute and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 310-6000.

Applicants do not believe that any extension or additional fee is required in connection with this Response. However, should any extension or fee be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that such and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2678.

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